



STEAMBOAT SPRINGS SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-2

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To FCC and others:

In regards to Proceedings, 02-6, 10-90, 13-184

This COMMENT is in support of Boulder Valley School District and their intent to allow student access to low-income housing access to the school district's E-Rate'd internet, through their fiber network.

I have had the pleasure to work with Andrew Moore, CIO Boulder Valley Schools, for a number of years and what he is trying to do is absolutely the right thing. My understanding is that it has a "zero" cost to the E-Rate fund and his intent is nothing other than to extend his school network outside his schools for use by those who cannot afford a network of their own.

In my opinion Andrew and his petition did not go far enough, as it should not be restricted to just low-income students but any student of Boulder Valley School District. If any student can use the district network while on campus, why can't they use it off of campus, especially if it is a, "zero" cost to the E-Rate fund? They would be subject to the same restrictions and filters that they have during the day and it adds value to the users and the district with a reliable consistent experience for its users.

We in SSSDre2 have been offering up virtual computers and virtual applications for 9+ years, to our students so they can access school based desktops from anywhere in the world. We have a traveling population with winter sports athletes both nationally and abroad, at times. This assisted them as well as our BYOD users with a safe and reliable connection to our school based applications. We just retired this service this year, as the technology has changed so that we no longer are hosting applications. This is similar to BVSD except my users had to find a network to get to us, where Andrew is proposing stretching his network to them.

We (SSSDre2) are currently in the process of taking advantage of the new E-Rate modernization changes and are under review for the first Self-Provisioned fibre network in the state of CO, I believe. We are innovating as well. We have partnered with the local city, county, hospital and power authority to build a bigger network than just to our schools. We see the benefit of having connected clients and extending our reach beyond our school walls.

The classroom learning has stretched beyond the traditional 4 walls and an 8:20am-3:15pm timeframe by way of a computer. The computer can be anywhere and is anywhere.

Steamboat Schools in the coming years will also be wanting to stretch our network for use by our students outside our school walls. It may not look the same as BVSD, but the outcome to the students will be the same.

Please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

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